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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO THE SECRETARY

1. MANY THANKS FOR REFTEL AND PRELIMINARY GUIDANCE THEREIN. I SHALL AWAIT THE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDANCE BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT CARAMANLIS AND BITSIOS FOLLOWING THEIR RETURN. (INCIDENTALLY, REFTEL IS ONLY MESSAGE I HAVE RECEIVED RELATING TO TALKS WITH CARAMANLIS AND BITSIOS IN BRUSSELS, IN CASE THERE ARE OTHERS I SHOULD HAVE.)

2. CARAMANLIS AND BITSIOS ARE SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO ATHENS TONIGHT (SATURDAY) AT 7:00 P.M. AND WILL LEAVE THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK FOR A TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO BELGRADE. THEREFORE, IF ANY FOLLOW-UP REQUIRED HERE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE FURTHER GUIDANCE BY MONDAY.

3. ON THE PUBLIC SIDE, REACTION HERE CONTINUES TO BE DECIDELY UPBEAT. GENERAL TENOR OF PRESS THIS MORNING IS THAT WHILE NO DRAMATIC BREAKTHROUGHS ON CYPRUS OR GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS ARE AN IMMEDIATE PROSPECT, A HOPEFUL AND PROMISING PROCESS IS BEING FURTHER DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF THE BRUSSELS MEETINGS.

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